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SUBJECT: FY 78 MAP RCN FUNDING - PHILIPPINES

REF: (A) SECDEF 170110Z FEB 78 (NOTAL); (B) CHJUSMAG MANILA 270505Z FEB 78 (NOTAL), (C) SECDEF 172056Z MAR 78 (NOTAL)

- 1. REF A ADVISED THAT THE FY 78 MAP-MATERIEL FOR THE PHILIPPINES MAY NOT BE FUNDED IN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE COUNTRY ALLOCATION OF \$18.1 MILLION IF RECOUPMENTS FAIL TO MATERIALIZE DURING FY 78.
- 2. REF B REQUESTED CONFIRMATION, INQUIRING SPECIFICALLY WHETHER ALL OR PART OF THE \$2.3 MILLION IN THE FY 78 MAP-MATERIEL CURRENTLY IN A DEFERRED STATUS COULD BE LOST IF FUNDING SOURCES DID NOT DEVELOP AS ANTICIPATED.
- 3. REF C CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS CORRECT.
- 4. THE POSSIBILITY OF THE LOSS OF ALL OR PART OF THESE DEFERRED FY 78 FUNDS IS PARTICULARLY TROUBLING AT THIS SENSITIVE PERIOD OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE BASES AND ON CONFIDENTIAL

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PHILIPPINE MILITARY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN RESPONSE TO BG GRAHAM'S STATEMENT THAT MAP WOULD BE ONE OF THE PRIMARY CHANNELS FOR COMPENSATION TO THE GOP FOR USE OF THE BASES, THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT WANT MAP AS IT WAS AN UNRELIABLE MEANS OF COMPENSATION. THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF FUNDS

IN THE FY 78 MAP PROGRAM WOULD CLEARLY STRENGTHEN THIS AFP PERCEPTION AND COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO WORK OUT AN APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION PACKAGE.

5. WE WOULD HOPE THIS PROBLEM COULD BE DISCUSSED WITH DSAA TO INSURE THAT THE PHILIPPINE FY 78 MAP-MATERIEL BE COMPLETELY FUNDED AT THE EARLIERST POSSIBLE DATE. STULL

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